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Dr. Martin Luther's Prophecies of the Destruction of Rome, and the Down- fall of the Romish Religion.

TO waste much time in the needless Commendation of that Learned, and pious Reformer, Dr. *Martin Luther*, would be as great impertinence as that of the young *Rhetorician*, who spent three hours in an elaborate Declamation on the refulgency of the glorious Sun-beams. They are both so appariant to any Rational or Inquisitive Creature, that it would be but a Tautologie to applaud them; we daily enjoy the inestimable benefit of either: for as the one delivered us from that uncomfortable darkness which first brooded on the primitive Chaos, and hatcht nothing but Confusion: so the other like a Faithful Pillar of Divine Light, kindly conducted us out of those dangerous paths of Superstition, and Idolatry, which would have led us into everlasting Destruction.

But if after all this, any one should say he has done all the reformed Churches in Europe, that should say one yet remains brutishly ignorant of his Virtues and Endowments: I shall be a word acquainted them who this *Luther* was.

It was he who (if I may speak it with reverence) like our *Moses* had the honour to be prophesied of before he was born: and this, even the *Romans* themselves cannot deny, since their own Histories acquaint us that one *John Hiltin* a person they themselves held in great veneration for piety and gift of Prophecy, wrote some almost a hundred years before *Luther* had declared himself against the Church of Rome. Much about the year 1516, the *Mysteries of ungodliness* shall begin to be discovered, and the Sun of Righteousness shine forth in the Truth of the Gospel, and Liberty shall in Germany, and other parts of the World, and there a sudden Destruction. This

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Prophecy was certainly fulfilled by *Luther* who appeared at that time against Rome, and in spite of all her then domineering Tyranny gave her a greater blow than ever she received either before or since.

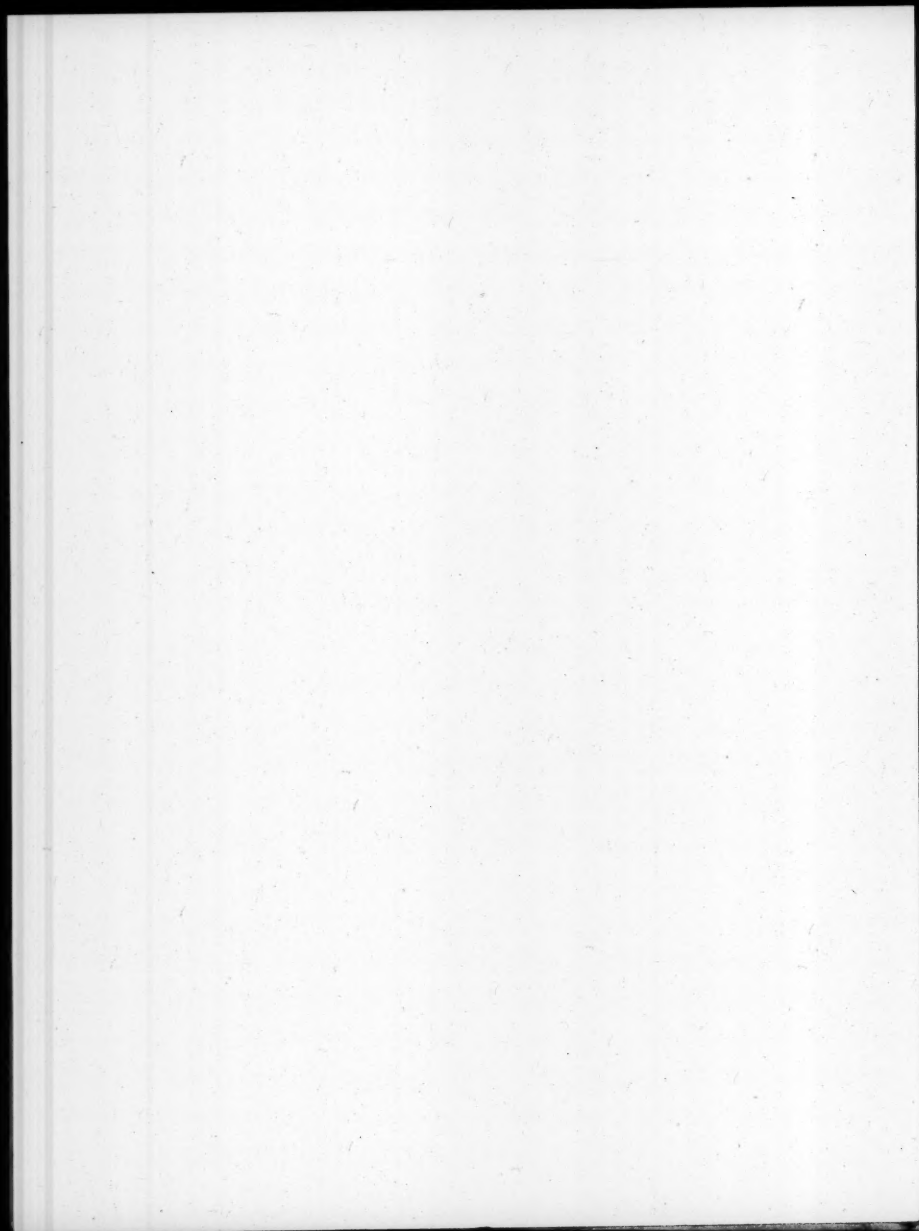
3. It was he of whom the Martyr *John Hus* on that day be-
fered at *Constance* said, You now roast a Goose (for so *Hus* sig-
nifies) but one hundred years hence you shall hear a Swan sing,
whom you shall not be able neither to roast, nor overcome,

3. It was he who was graced with the Honourable title of Master of Arts at twenty years of age. 'Twas he who whilst he was perusing certain Books in the Library of the College of Oxford happened to meet with a Copy of the Latine Bible, which he never had seen before, and having to his great admiration observed there were more Evangelical and Apostolical Texts in it than were suffered to be read openly in Churches, he therefore set himself to the translating of the five Books of *Moses*, and afterwards finished both them and the remainder of the Old and the New Testament, which was by some *Papish* Bishops and Priests forbid to be read to the people. In fine, it was *Dr. M. Luther*, whom God in his infinite Wisdom raised, and furnished with a sufficient portion of Care, Courage and Learning to inspect and detect the damnable Superstition and Idolatry of the Church of Rome, which he resolutely performed, notwithstanding all the Threats and Dangers he encountered, and which he bravely suffered in his doing. And lastly, it was he to whom *German, Denmark, Bohemia*, and most of the Protestant Churches in the world are in a great measure beholding for their glorious Reformation.

Thus much I thought fit to premise, that the most scrupulous Reader may not wonder that the Almighty should entrust this worthy Champion of the new Reformed Religion with the Spirit of prophecy: which he was fitt to exercise on himself, lying some weeks before he Dyed: when I return to *Whittemore*, I will be lodged in a Coffin, and will render to the worms a fit *Esther* to feed on: and so it fell out, for within two days after he came thither he dyed, and a little before his Expiration call'd for pen and ink, and wrote this following verse.

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Which *Intercession*, one of his dear Friends, taking in a prophetic rapare, turned into a Distick of the same meaning: Thus,

Qui sedet dicit vobis vna peccata (Papa) Lutherus,
Et ista causa, sua funere, moris erit.

Both of which may be thus paraphrastically turned into English:

*As Luther Living was Romes plague, so that
Hee shall be caus'd by his morne'd Funeral.*

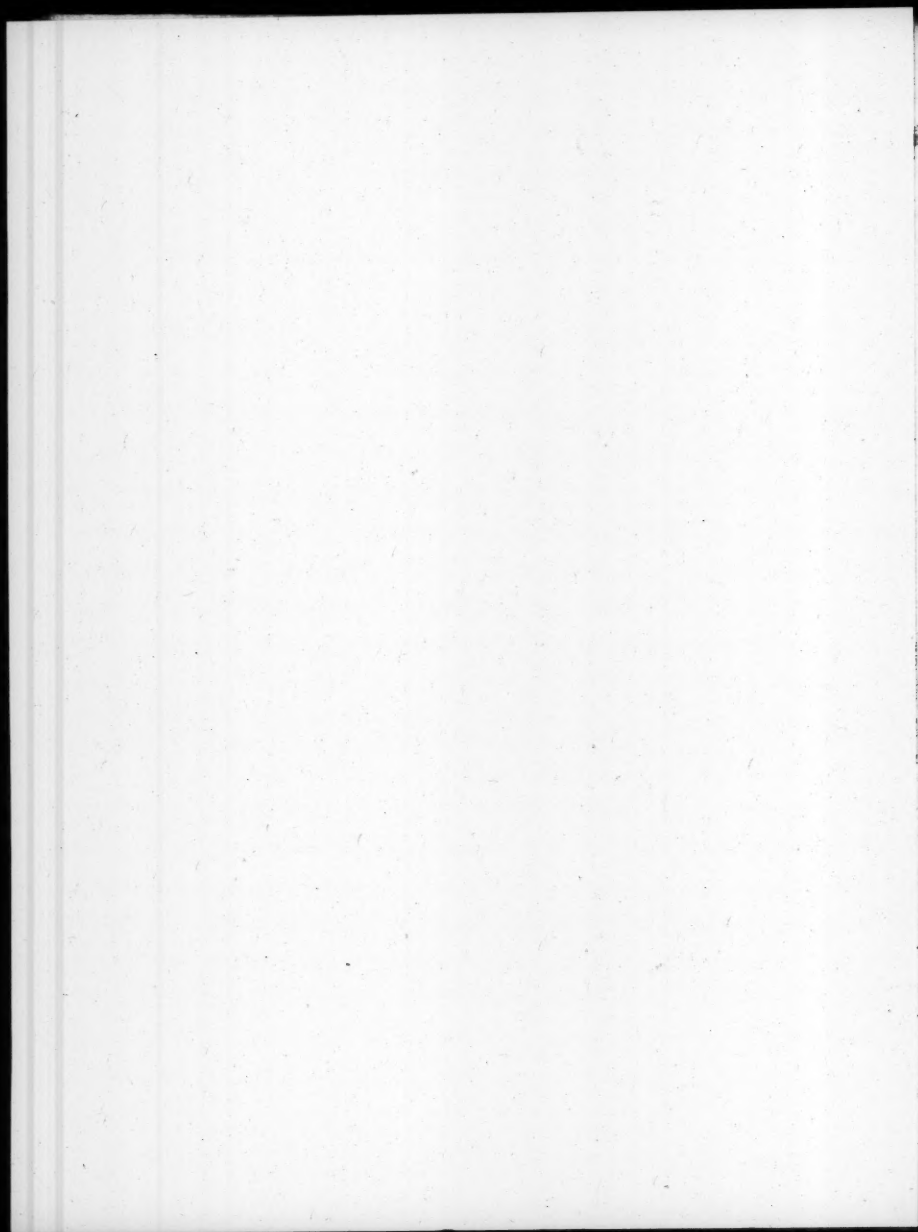
But long before this *Luther* was obliet'd by all the Students at *Wittenberg* so be endowed with the Spirit of Prophecie which he frequently communicated to posterity, the greater part of which were in prefiging the Dissolution of those two grand temporal enemies of Truth and Religion, the *Turk* and the *Pope*.

Concerning the later of which, in *Luther Collop*, pag. 328. he thus prophesieth, The *Pope* must fall, and Popery with him, since it is downright Blasphemy to hold as he does, viz. that the final cause of the Institution of Humane Traditions, is the true Service and Worship of God: and that it is necessary to salvation, contrary to that of *St. Paul*, if either we or an Angel from Heaven preach any other Doctrine to you than what we have preached.

And in another place he thus saith, *The Pope* must fall, and it appears that the *Pope* is the true *Antichrist*, because those that transgress his Decrees or violate his statutes are by more vigorously and severely punished than those who offend the Law of God, which is a palpable exalting of himself above the Almighty, and therefore he is most properly called *Antichrist*, &c.

Again says *Luther*, the *Pope* must and shall fall by reason the blindness of the Popelins is so great and horrible, that they hold the Reconciliation of the Living (which though they pretend to a Sacrifice) yet all their Canons, School Divines and Rites, preache utterly false.

And in another place he predicth the *Pope* continuing to stand, The *Pope*, says he, must fall, for that like a right Jew he hearken to enjoy by *Christ* a Temporal Kingdom, he alone



will have all the Power, and Authority, he will rule and Determine all Councils, and inroach upon them under the Name of Christ. If one should have deflowered the *Virgin Mary*, or Crucified Christ, yet the *Pope* for money would undertake to Pardon and forgive the same. Therefore his Dominion is but short and will be brought to ruine according to the time signified by the number of the Beast, in the thirteenth of the *Revelations*, Page 306.

Again saith he, Popedom must fall, for that it hath been alwayes managed by wicked persons and correspondent to the impiety of their Doctrine: for as the Creator is in this case; such must be the Creature. Pope *Alexander* was a *Moran*, that is a Baptized Jew, he believed nothing at all; he had a Concubine called *Eustasia* to whom he after espoused his own Son. The *Pope* that succeeded him was so great an Enemy to him, that he caused all the Windows, Gates, Doors, &c. whercon his Name or Armes were fixed, to be demolished or pulled down. When God speaketh the word, (*Romane destroye thee and lye in Ashes; Pope com downe from your Throne*) the word of God will be obeyed and must be immediately brought to pass. *L. Collige. 301.*

Pride, again saith *Luther*, must undoubtedly have a Fall, and consequently so must the *Pope*.

Another of his remarkable prophecies to the same purpose is exprest (in *Lat. time*, p. 174.) to this effect. The *Pope* and his accomplices presuming on their great power that they shall never fall do thereby hasten their fall, and God will overthrow him; and thus suddenly, if our own Secularists, and contempt of Gods word does not hinder, a Let us pray therefore that the same misfortune they design us, may light on their own heads: they have Burned, Hanged, Drowned and Banished those that were amongst us, they will in no way be recalled from their Devilish Practices.

To conclude, we have great hopes these Prophecies of *1* *thor* may accordingly come to pass, as well as some other his prediction have been accomplished already (though upon other occasions) as plainly appears in his *Tom. 3. Epist. 10. c. 207*, where he foretold the Combustion which arose i

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Germany : at likewise the death of *Frederick* Elector of *Saxony*, *Tom. 2. Epist. p. 10.* he also in the same Book Prophesied the *Dearth* or *Famine* which happened in *Germany* according to his prediction. And now I shall detain you no longer about this Excellent perfo-, but only present you with a small Manuscript written by his own hand, and not improperly called,

The Generation of Theological Corruption ; or a Pedigree of Popish Principles. By Dr. M. Luther.

The Devil beget darkness, Darkness beget ignorance, Ignorance beget Error and his Brethren, Error beget Free-will and Presumption, Out of Self-conceit, Free-will beget Merit, Merit beget forgetfulness of God, Forgetfulness of God beget Transgression, Transgression beget Superstition, Superstition beget Satisfaction, Satisfaction beget Oblation of the Mass, the Oblation of the Mass beget Indulgence, Indulgence beget Priests, the Priest beget Mischiefs, Mischiefs beget Misbeliefs, Misbeliefs beget Hypocrisies, Hypocrisies beget Trading with Offerings for gain, Trading beget Purgatory, Purgatory beget yearly Pilgrimages, yearly Pilgrimages beget Church-Livings, Church-Livings beget Mammon, Mammon beget Superfluity, Superfluity beget Excess, Excess beget Rage, Rage beget Licentiousness, Licentiousness beget Domination, Domination beget Popery, Popery beget Ambition, Ambition beget Simony, Simony beget the Pope and his Brethren, the Pope beget the Mysteries of Iniquities, the Mysteries of Iniquities beget Sophistical Divinity, Sophistical Divinity beget rejecting of the Holy Scriptures, the rejecting of the Holy Scriptures beget Tyranny, Tyranny beget Murdering of Saints, Murdering of Saints beget Abomination, Abomination beget Desolation, Desolation beget Anguish, Anguish beget Questioning, Questioning beget the searching out the Grounds of Truth ; out of which the Pope, called Antichrist, is revealed. Ex Lutheri Prophetes, pag. 12.

I Shall now according to my Title, give you a brief account of *Mich. Nostradamus*, and then present you with some of his Prophecies which particularly concern *England* and *France*.

He was born in *S. Remy* a Town in *Provence* on the fourteenth of *December* 1503. he was bred up in all the Learning in *France*, and having betaken himself to the Study of *Physick*, grew so excellent therein, that at last he became Physician to three successive Kings of that Countrey. I shall give my self the less trouble to demonstrate to the Reader that this Learned person was endowed with the Spirit of Prophecy, because I could instance above a thousand Prophecies of his which have already come to pass: but before I give you one or two which concerned our Nation as an instance; I shall give you the judgement of one of the greatest wits in our last age, who in brief says thus.

God Almighty has chosen out *Mich. Nostradamus* to impart to the World many prodigious and extraordinary things which shall happen for the Future: again says he, next the *Apostles*, and Canonical Prophets, *Nostradamus* is to be preferred before any other in these four things, viz. in the Certainty, the Infallibility, in the Generality and quantity of his predictions, of which heres an example, written as he did all his other, in old Law-French, of which I shall only give the beginning, and then let you down the English of them.

Trente de Londres secret which was written in the year 1555 and died the last year of his life

Englished thus, which was written in the year 1555 and died the last year of his life

Thirty of London shall conspire against their King:

The Plot shall be made on *London*-Bridge.

What could appear more perfect in number; place and substance, to any one that can remember the Plotters against King *Charles* the First of blessed Memory, whose Conspiracy was contrived at the *Bear* on the Bridge-foot: This he foretold almost a hundred years before it came to pass: He also prophesied that a King of *England* should appear on a Scaffold without his Doublet; that he should be taken off; and that in the

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the place where he was to be beheaded, another had been killed three days before; all which Circumstances were fully made true by the Lamentable Catastrophe of that most pious Monarch and Martyr.

I shall now proceed to those Prophecies which as yet are unaccomplished: *Page 137. 50. — A quantite hies deys, &c. At the Clymathecal year of 8 and 40 on the end of Cancer, shall be such a Drought that the Fish in the Water shall be killed on a Consumption; Bears and Bigorne, by heaverlie Fire shall be in distress.*

I shall say no more but that *Bears and Bigorne*, are two Provinces in France: of the rest let the Reader judge.

Another, — Peste horrible long temps en la France, &c.

Thus Englished: *Peace and Plenty shall not long be praised: before the end of the Reign the Flower de Luce shall be defaced: Ladies shall die by water: Barbs shall be brought, but therein they shall not be brought.*

By Simonds, — Even in meane France, exposed the rest youn selves. Prop. 82. page 137. de Nostradamus.

But afterwards he ends his tenth Century, *page 144.* with this Prophecy concerning the future Welfare of England.

Le grand Empire sera per l' Angleterre, &c.

England at last the worlds Empire shall be

And so shall remain for three hundred and three.

Great Armies shall pass both through Land and through Sea

In which the proud Spaniard shall strike and give away.

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